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SUBJ: MAP FOR ETHIOPIA

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1. IN CONSONANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL,
AMB. SEELYE TOOK OCCASION OF WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION
ON US-ETHIOPIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ACTING FONMIN
GETACHEW KIBRET FEB 24 (REPORTED SEPTTEL) TO ADVISE HIM
THAT MAP MATERIEL FUNDING FOR ETHIOPIA WOULD NOT BE
CONTINUED AFTER FY 1977. SEELYE CITED BOTH WORLD-WIDE
REDUCTION OF GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND
HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS AS REASONS FOR USG DECISION,
AT SAME TIME EMPHASIZING THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS-
SISTANCE PROGRAMS ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE, THAT MILI-
TARY CREDITS WERE STILL AVAILABLE SHOULD EPMG DESIRE,
AND THAT FOREIGN MILITARY SALES TRANSACTIONS ARE
CONTINUING AS WELL. SEELYE ALSO INDICATED THAT
HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES IN RECIPIENT COUNTRIES WOULD

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HAVE BEARING ON US VOTING ON LOANS IN AFRICAN
DEVELOPMENT FUND.

2. GETACHEW DID NOT REACT TO DECISION TO SUSPEND
MAP, ALTHOUGH HE ADDRESSED GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS
ISSUE AT SOME LENGTH. HE POINTED OUT THAT ETHIOPIA'S
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY

STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF SECURING HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL ETHIOPIAN CITIZENS. ETHIOPIAN CONCEPT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, HOWEVER, EXTENDED BEYOND ISSUES WHICH US CONGRESS PRESUMABLY HAD IN MIND, TO INCLUDE CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO GREATER ECONOMIC BENEFITS, ADEQUATE SHELTER, BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS, AND MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF WORLD'S MATERIAL GOODS. IN GETACHEW'S VIEW, MUCH OF TROUBLE AND VIOLENCE IN WORLD RESULTED FROM DEFICIENCIES IN ASSURING THESE BASIC RIGHTS. AS GOALS OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS ARE ACHIEVED, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT COUNTRY WOULD INCREASINGLY MOVE TOWARDS ASSURING GREATER HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALL SPHERES. HE COUNTED ON US UNDERSTANDING OF ETHIOPIAN INTENTIONS AND ASPIRATIONS IN THIS REGARD AND MEANWHILE LOOKED TO US TO EXERT ITS INFLUENCE IN PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS CAUSE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IN SEEING TO IT THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE REMAINS IN FOREFRONT IN ZIMBABWE.

3. GETACHEW TOOK NEWS OF MAP SUSPENSION APPARENTLY WITHOUT SURPRISE. IT MAY BE, HOWEVER, THAT EPMG WILL WANT TO DIGEST SIGNIFICANCE OF USG DECISION BEFORE REACTING.
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